

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
Room 414/416, State Capitol  
Friday, January 24, 2003**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Dan Eastman, Co-Chair  
Rep. Don E. Bush, Co-Chair  
Sen. Mike Dmitrich  
Sen. Dave Thomas  
Sen. Michael Waddoups  
Rep. Neil A. Hansen  
Rep. Ann W. Hardy  
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson  
Rep. Todd E. Kiser  
Rep. Joseph G. Murray  
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rep. Jeff Alexander

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst  
Rachel Error, Committee Secretary

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Chair Bush called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m. He asked the committee members and staff to introduce themselves.

Mark Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst, discussed the proposed schedule for the meetings to be held during the upcoming session. The committee discussed procedures and when action should be taken on the budgets being presented.

**MOTION:** Rep. Newbold moved to take tentative votes either immediately following presentation of the budget or at the beginning of the following meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Waddoups absent for the vote.

The Fiscal Analyst presented the adjustments of FY02 and FY03 that were made to the budgets of the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Transportation, and the National Guard (see attached). He expressed the anticipations and concerns of the upcoming session. He responded to general questions from the committee.

**Department of Transportation**

John Njord, Executive Director of the Department of Transportation, introduced the members of his staff who were present. He presented the upcoming projects of the Centennial Highway Fund Program. He discussed the reductions to the transportation program. He then presented the travel trends and the expected impact of those trends. He presented the Department of

Transportation's approach for the upcoming year and responded to questions from the committee.

### **Department of Environmental Quality**

Dianne Nielson, Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, introduced the members of her staff who were present. She explained where the Department had taken reductions in FY03 and how they managed those reductions. She presented the FY04 priorities of the Department of Environmental Quality and responded to questions from the committee.

### **National Guard**

Maj. Gen. Brian L. Tarbet, Utah National Guard, introduced those with him. He explained that the National Guard is a predominantly federally funded program. He expressed concern over the armory maintenance, veterans' affairs, and tuition assistance programs

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Dmitrich, and Sen. Waddoups absent for the vote.

Chair Bush adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

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Rep. Don E. Bush, Co-Chair

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Sen. Dan Eastman, Co-Chair